Appl. No. 10/059,074
Amdt. Dated February 21, 2006
Reply to Office action of December 23, 2005

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed on December 23, 2005 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner rejected claims 1-21. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 11, 15, and 17-19 and 21 have been amended to clarify the invention. Claims 3, 8, 9, 16, and 20 have been cancelled. After entry of this response, claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10-15, 17-19, and 21 remain pending in the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005 and render all pending claims at issue patentably distinct over the cited references.

I.   CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-7 and 10-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,188,402 as issued to Csipkes on February 13, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as "Csipkes"). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended to recite, *inter alia*, a memory configured to store performance support data, said performance support data comprising action data objects, resource data objects, reference data objects, procedure data objects, and assembly data objects, each data object associated with a data object owner and a display configured to produce a GUI that visually presents an administrator interface, where the administrator interface is configured to provide for the creation and modification of the action data objects, resource data objects, reference data objects, procedure data objects, and assembly data objects with a menu driven environment operating in conjunction with a browser of said first network, each data object capable of being modified by the associated data object owner via the administrator interface. Independent claim 11 has also been amended and now recites, *inter alia*, storing performance support data in a memory, said performance support data comprising action data objects, resource data objects, reference data objects, procedure data objects, and assembly data objects, each data object associated with a data object owner and producing a GUI that visually presents an administrator interface that is configured to provide for the creation and modification of each of the action data objects, resource data objects, reference data objects, procedure data objects, and assembly data objects by an associated data object

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owner of each of the data objects with a menu driven environment operating in conjunction with a browser of said first network.

Csipkes relates to a workstation for use in the assembly of component parts that includes a computer terminal having a display and at least one input device, a test apparatus operatively coupled to the computer terminal, and an application program which generates a first display screen for display of an assembly procedure to be followed by an assembler on the display of the computer terminal and a second display screen for display of test results obtained by the test apparatus on said display of said computer terminal. See abstract. However, nowhere does Csipkes remotely mention, suggest, or show all of the features of Claims 1, 11, and 21.

Specifically, nowhere does Csipkes teach or suggest a memory configured to store performance support data, said performance support data comprising action data objects, resource data objects, reference data objects, procedure data objects, and assembly data objects, each data object associated with a data object owner and a display configured to produce a GUI that visually presents an administrator interface, where the administrator interface is configured to provide for the creation and modification of the action data objects, resource data objects, reference data objects, procedure data objects, and assembly data objects with a menu driven environment operating in conjunction with a browser of said first network, each data object capable of being modified by the associated data object owner via the administrator interface, as recited in claims 1 and 21. Moreover, Csipkes does not mention the steps of storing performance support data in a memory, said performance support data comprising action data objects, resource data objects, reference data objects, procedure data objects, and assembly data objects, each data object associated with a data object owner and producing a GUI that visually presents an administrator interface that is configured to provide for the creation and modification of each of the action data objects, resource data objects, reference data objects, procedure data objects, and assembly data objects by an associated data object owner of each of the data objects with a menu driven environment operating in conjunction with a browser of said first network, as recited in claim 11.

A claim can only be anticipated if each and every element recited in the claim is disclosed in a reference, either explicitly or impliedly. Accordingly, as Csipkes fails to disclose, either explicitly or inherently, at least the above-noted element of claims 1, 11, and 21 and the

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Examiner has failed to provide such an explicit or inherent disclosure of this element, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims and the claims that depend therefrom is improper and the Applicants request withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection.

Claims 2, 4-7, and 10 depend from claim 1 and claims 12-15 and 17-19 depend from claim 11. Therefore, the Applicants rely on the arguments above for these dependent claims.

In light of the arguments set forth above, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's rejections under 35 USC § 102, have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the Applicant's attorneys at the telephone number below.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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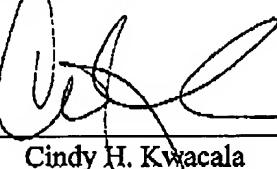
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